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SUBJECT: STUDENT DISTURBANCES

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1. JANUARY 8 AND 9 HAVE WITNESSED VIOLENT CLASHES IN
ANKARA AMONG OPPPOSING GROUPS OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND
THE POLICE. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS CLAIMED THAT SOME FOURTEEN
PERSONS WERE WOUNDED, SOME SERIOUSLY. ACCORDING TO POLICE
SOURCES, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME DEATHS. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED
REPORTS THAT ALL UNIVERSITIES IN ANKARA HAVE BEEN CLOSED
TODAY. IN ANY CASE, AS REPORTED REFTEL, SEVERAL SCHOOLS
ARE PRESENTLY CLOSED BY THEIR ADMINISTRATIONS OR
BOYCOTTED BY STUDENTS. TODAY'S CLEAR WEATHER AND THE
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SHUTDOWN OF MANY ANKARA SCHOOLS HAS SERVED TO

PUT A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE STREETS, WHERE
THEIR POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE IS HIGH.

2. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT HAS
REPORTEDLY ASKED RPP PARLIAMENTARIANS NOT RPT NOT TO LEAVE
ANKARA SO THAT THEY CAN BE CALLED TOGETHER "AT A MOMENT'S
NOTICE" IN LIGHT OF THE "VERY SERIOUS EVENTS...TAKING
PLACE IN ANKARA AND TURKEY."

3. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK THIS
MORNING, PRIMIN DEMIREL TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE STUDENT
PROBLEM WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY AND
THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO SOLVE IT.

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